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SUBJECT: 29 TH SESSION ECAFE: AGENDA ITEM NINE- DEVELOPMENT OF
TRADE IN ECAFE REGION, APRIL 18 AND 19

1. CHIEF ECAFE INTERNATIONAL TRADE DIVISION DESCRIBED TRADE
TRENDS IN REGION AS NOT VERY ENCOURAGING, DISCUSSED EFFORTS
OF HIS DIVISION TO IMPROVE TRADE POSITIONS OF THE DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES, REPORTED ON TRADE PROMOTION CENTER, THE CENTER FOR
SHIPPING INFORMATION, AND DIVISION' S WORK IN DEVELOPING MULTI-
NATIONAL EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE SCHEME.

2. DELEGATES FROM THAILAND, INDONESIA, IRAN, PAKISTAN, NEPAL,
SRI LANKA, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, JAPAN, USSR, MONGOLIA, BHUTAN,
UK, HONG KONG, FRG, NORWAY, FRANCE, NETHERLANDS DISCUSSED THIS
ITEM BUT NOT PRC.

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3. USDEL DISCUSSED GROWTH IN EXPORTS TO US FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF ECAFE REGION AND SHIFT IN COMPOSITION OF TRADE FLOWING FROM THESE COUNTRIES FROM PRIMARY PRODUCTS TO SEMI-MANUFACTURED AND MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS; STRESSED THAT THESE IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS HAD OCCURRED WITHOUT OPERATION OF SYSTEM OF GENERALIZED PREFERENCES WHICH IS INCLUDED IN PROPOSED TRADE REFORM ACT OF 1973; EMPHASIZED THAT US WELCOMES FULL PARTICIPATION BY LDC'S IN FORTHCOMING MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS; NOTED THAT US ENCOURAGED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN HELPING COUNTRIES IN ESTABLISHING THEIR NATIONAL POSITIONS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS BEING PROVIDED BY COMPETENT BODIES SUCH AS GATT SECRETARIAT, AND THAT FURTHER PROPOSALS FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BE SCRUTINIZED TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF WORK. SAID THAT ECAFE TRADE PROMOTION CENTER SHOULD PURSUE ONLY THOSE CHANNELS OF ACTIVITY LIKELY TO PRODUCE WORTHWHILE RESULTS AND THAT USG EXAMINING POSSIBILITY OF MAKING AN EXPERT AVAILABLE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROPOSED PANEL OF EXPERTS TO STUDY FUTURE PROGRAM OF WORK IN TRADE PROMOTION. STRESSED CONFUSION OVER LIMIT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE DIVISION AND TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION. THIS COMMENT ALSO MADE BY DUTCH DELEGATE.

4. JAPAN DELEGATE INDICATED JAPAN NOT INTERESTED IN PLAYING POSITIVE ROLE IN PROPOSED REGIONAL TRADE PROMOTION SCHEMES SUCH AS ASIAN RESERVE BANK. DESCRIBED LATTER AS AMBITIOUS PROJECT BUT POINT OUT THAT WHOLE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM NOW UNDER REVIEW BY C-20. QUESTIONED NEED TO ESTABLISH "REGIONAL IMF" AND IF SO WHAT SHOULD BE ITS SCOPE. DELEGATE RECONFIRMED JAPAN'S PASSIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD PROPOSED ASIAN CLEARING UNION, STATING JAPAN ALREADY MADE ITS POSITION CLEAR ON SUBJECT ON EARLIER OCCASION. HE ADDED JAPAN, IF REQUESTED, WOULD OFFER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BY SENDING EXPERTS IN THIS FIELD. ALSO WOULD BE PREPARED TO SEND TWO EXPERTS TO TRADE PROMOTION CENTER ON NON-REIMBURSABLE BASIS AND PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO MULTINATIONAL EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE SCHEME. SAID JAPAN MAKING EFFORTS TO EXPAND IMPORTS FROM LDC'S THROUGH LIBERALIZATION OF ITS GSP SCHEME AND WAS EXAMINING POSSIBILITY OF MAKING JAPAN TRADE FAIR SHIP AVAILABLE FOR FLOATING EXHIBITION OF PRODUCTS FROM LDC'S.

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5. SOVIET DELEGATE CRITICIZED ENLARGED EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AS

HAVING INCREASED TRADE BARRIERS AGAINST FARM AND LIGHT INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS EXPORTED FROM LDC' S. BRITISH DELEGATE COUNTRED SOVIET CRITICISM, POINTING OUT THAT UK GIVING SEVERAL YEARS FOR INCREASED TARIFFS TO TAKE EFFECT BECAUSE OF UK JOINING EEC. DESPITE THIS HE ARUGED ENLARGED EUROPEAN MARKET WOULD PROVIDE FAVOABLE OPPORTUNTIES FOR EXPANSION OF TRADE WITH LDC' S. FRENCH DELEGATE EXPRESSED SIMILAR VIEWS ON EC TRADE WITH REGIONAL LDC' S.

6. MOST DELEGATES FROM REGIONAL LDC' S WELCOMED JAPAN' S INTENTION TO IMPROVE GSP. HONG KONG EXPRESSED ANXIETY ABOUT PROTECTIONISM AND SAID IT LOOKED FORWARD TO MULTILATERAL SOLUTION ON TEXTILES.

7. AT BRIEF CEREMONY DURING PLENARY IRAN AND SRI LANKA SIGNED AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH ASIAN CLEARING UNION. HOWEVER, AGREEMENT WILL NOT COME INTO FORCE UNTIL FIVE CENTRAL BANKS OR MONETARY AUTHORITIES OF REGIONAL MEMBERS SIGN.
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